



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 6978

LCO No. 4628

Referred to Committee on Labor and Public Employees

Introduced by:
(LAB)

AN ACT CONCERNING ANNUAL ADJUSTMENTS TO PREVAILING WAGES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Subsection (e) of section 31-53 of the general statutes is repealed and
2 the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (e) (1) [The] Not later than thirty days prior to July first of each year,
4 the Labor Commissioner shall determine the prevailing rate of wages
5 on an hourly basis and the amount of payment or contributions paid or
6 payable on behalf of such employee to any employee welfare fund, as
7 defined in subsection (h) of this section, in each locality where any
8 such public work is to be constructed, and the agent empowered to let
9 such contract shall contact the Labor Commissioner, at least ten but not
10 more than twenty days prior to the date such contracts will be
11 advertised for bid, to ascertain the proper rate of wages and amount of
12 employee welfare fund payments or contributions and shall include
13 such rate of wage on an hourly basis and the amount of payment or
14 contributions paid or payable on behalf of each employee to any
15 employee welfare fund, as defined in subsection (h) of this section, or
16 in lieu thereof the amount to be paid directly to each employee for

17 such payment or contributions as provided in subsection (a) of this
18 section for all classifications of labor in the proposal for the contract.
19 The rate of wage on an hourly basis and the amount of payment or
20 contributions to any employee welfare fund, as defined in subsection
21 (h) of this section, or cash in lieu thereof, as provided in subsection (a)
22 of this section, shall, at all times, be considered as the minimum rate
23 for the classification for which it was established. Prior to the award of
24 any contract subject to the provisions of this section, such agent shall
25 certify, in writing, to the Labor Commissioner the total dollar amount
26 of work to be done in connection with such public works project,
27 regardless of whether such project consists of one or more contracts.
28 Upon the award of any contract subject to the provisions of this
29 section, the contractor to whom such contract is awarded shall certify,
30 under oath, to the Labor Commissioner the pay scale to be used by
31 such contractor and any of [his] such contractor's subcontractors for
32 work to be performed under such contract.

33 (2) Annually updated schedules of prevailing rates of wages and the
34 amount of employee welfare fund payments or contributions
35 determined by the Labor Commissioner in accordance with the
36 provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection shall become effective
37 on July first of each year, regardless of the date such schedules are
38 received by the agent empowered to let such contract, the contractor or
39 any subcontractor that is a party to a contract for the construction,
40 remodeling, refinishing, refurbishing, rehabilitation, alteration or
41 repair of any public works project by the state or any of its agents or by
42 any political subdivision of the state or any of its agents. Such
43 contractor and any of its subcontractors shall be responsible for paying
44 all mechanics, laborers or workers employed upon a new or ongoing
45 public works project the current prevailing rate of wages and
46 employee welfare fund payments or contributions, as reflected in such
47 updated schedules, effective July first of each year.

Statement of Purpose:

To require the Labor Commissioner to annually update prevailing wage rate schedules and to require that such updated rates be paid to all mechanics, laborers or workers employed upon public works projects effective July first of each year.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]